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Land Donated for New Health Department Facility

WOODBINE, Ga. – August 17, 2022 – At their August 16, 2022, regular meeting, the Camden County Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to accept a deed for a land donation from Southeast Georgia Health System for the construction of a new Camden County Health Department.

"Our community partners at Southeast Georgia Health System have provided an excellent location for users of the Camden County Health Department," said Commission Chairman Gary Blount. "This is an excellent example of collaboration to make this new facility a reality."

The project cost for the new facility is \$4.5 million. Funding is provided by:

- Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) VIII for \$1.2 million;
- Community Development Block Grant COVID (CDBG-CV) for \$1 million;
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding from
 - Camden County for \$387,600
 - City of Kingsland for \$378,840
 - o City of St. Marys for \$399,960, and
 - City of Woodbine for \$33,600
- Coastal Georgia Public Health for \$800,000; and
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) for \$300,000.

The new facility should open in December 2023. The \$1.2 million in in SPLOST VIII funding was approved by Camden County voters in March 2019. This one-cent sales tax is paid by all residents and visitors that purchase goods in Camden County. SPLOST VIII began collection in July 2019 and concludes in June 2025.

About Camden County: Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is "Georgia's Coastal Community of Choice." Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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